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8. [ ] - GLC) George Murphy, on the staff of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, called to say that he and Senator Pastore had just returned from a trip to Europe and the Senator had expressed interest in press reports about the [ ] 25X1C

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9. (Unclassified - GLC) Ambassador Wymberley Coerr, INR, State Department, called and said he was working on the Department's response to Chairman Stennis on Senator Church's bill (S. 1887) to amend the National Security Act to preclude the Agency from engaging in paramilitary activities. Coerr is suggesting a response which merely states this would place unacceptable restrictions on the President in carrying out his responsibilities under the Constitution. He did raise, however, the possibility of recommending that the bill be amended to add that paramilitary activities would be conducted only after consultation with the appropriate committees of the Congress. I told Coerr that I did not think this would be acceptable to the Administration. He also raised the possibility of accepting such legislation on the ground that it would by its terms only apply to the Agency and still leave other departments, such as the Department of Defense, free to conduct these activities if requested. I said I felt this would be equally unacceptable to the Administration for it would preclude the President from using the Agency's resources for paramilitary operations of any kind in the future. 25X1

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